

### Tradition Three

“The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.”  
p. 62- Basic Text

This tradition is important for both the individual and the groups.

Desire is the key word; desire is the basis of our recovery.

In our stories and in our experience of trying to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, one painful fact of life has emerged again and again. An addict who does not want to stop using will not stop using. They can be analyzed, counseled, reasoned with, prayed over, threatened, beaten, or locked up, but they will not stop until they want to stop.

The only thing we ask of our member is that they have this desire. Without, they are doomed, but with it miracles will happen

Desire is our only requirement. Addiction does not discriminate. This tradition is to ensure that any addict, regardless of drugs used, race, religious beliefs, sex, sexual preference, or financial condition is free to practice the N.A. way of life. With “...a desire to stop using” as the only requirement for membership, one addict is never superior to another. All addicted persons are welcome and equal in obtaining the relief that they are seeking from their addiction; every addict can recover in this program on an equal basis. This tradition guarantees our freedom to recover.

Membership in Narcotics Anonymous is not automatic when someone walks in the door or when the newcomer decides to stop using. The decision to become a part of our Fellowship rests with the individual.

Any addict who has a desire to stop using can become a member of N.A. We are addicts, and our problem is addiction.

The choice of membership rests with the individual. We feel that the ideal state for our Fellowship exists when addicts can come freely and openly to an N.A. meeting, whenever and wherever they choose, and leave just as freely.

We realize that recover is a reality and that life without drugs is better than we ever imagined.

We open our doors to other addicts, hoping that they can find what we have found. But we know that only those who have a desire to stop using and want what we have to offer will join us in our way of life.

### Unity Day III schedule

12:30-12:45	Welcome: theme
12:45 - 1:45	speaker Vickie L. (Green River, WY)
1:45 - 2:00	Andrea - Spoken Word
2:00 - 3:00	speaker Jeff T. (Phoenix, AZ)
3:00- 3:15	Sara - Yoga
3:15- 4:45	workshop Women's workshop (lower level) Men's Workshop (upper level)
4:45 - 5:00	break
5:00 - 6:00	dinner break
<b>Registration - closes at 6pm</b>	
6:00 - 7:00	speaker Terrence H. (Birmingham, AL)
7:00 - 7:45	Music fig a. -
8:00 - 8:45	Music Blind Exit - an ambitious band that has emerged from Denver, CO with a mix of experience and fresh perspective driving their music. Each member brings something significant to create a sound that is melodic and edgy with a mainstream appeal. They share a passion for the creative process and are turning heads in the Denver music scene.
9:15-11:30	Music Blue Sun - a band out of Boulder, Colorado, that plays funky music--from rock and Motown to funky blues and R & B, originals & covers. Mock- epic western parody song, 'Spaghetti Western'; and the Latin / Santana rip-off, 'Spicy Burritos' are originals. Be careful; this plate is hot! (intermission)